the onshore part of basin. In the offshore, oil was struck at PH-9 structure and oil and gas at PY-1 and gas at PY-3 structures.

(c) At present, one well is being drilled at Tiruvarur.

(d) During 1985-86, it is proposed to drill 5 wells with a total drilling metreage of 17600 metres.

(e) Total amount spent up to the end of 1984-85 is about Rs. 118 crores.

*290. [*Transferred to 16th August*, 1985.]

Helicopters for the ONGC

*291. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 788 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1985 and state;

(a) whether helicopters have been procured for the ONGC for their offshore operations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strength of managerial and non-managerial staff of the ONGC

*292. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of managerial and non-managerial staff of the Oil & Natural Gas Commission;

(b) what was the estimated strength of employees during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(c) how far the strength of employees is proposed to be augmented during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(d) whether there is any dissatisfaction amongst the staff over promotion and recruitment policy of the Oil & Natural Gas Commission;

(e) whether any clear cut policy has been laid down by the Commission regarding recruitment and promotion of their employees; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) As on April 1 1985 the total number of staff of the oil & Natural Gas Commission was as under:—

Managerial (Class-I)	9,568
Non-Managerial (All groups below Class-I)	32,023
TOTAL :	41,591

(b) the estimated staff strength of the Commission as at the end of sixth plan was originally estimated to be 37344 which later was revised to 50099.

(c) The estimated strength of the Commision's employees at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan is 46,000.

(d) By and large, the staff are satisfied over promotion and recruitment & Promotion) Regulations, 1980.

(e) and (f) The Commission have a laid down recruitment and promotion policy as contained in the Oil & Natural Gas Commission (Recruitment & Promotion) Regulations, 1980. These regulations prescribe, *inter alia*, the eligibility criteria, pay scales, promotion/direct recruitment quotas.